

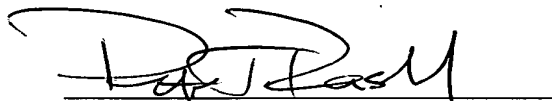
REMARKS

Claims 11-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and Claims 11-19 are added.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no mention whatsoever in the prior art of at least the feature of an interior trim component comprising a first portion made of a first, rigid material, and a second portion made of a second, flexible material covering a portion of said first material and including one or more switch elements, and a circuit assembly in communication with one or more switch elements, wherein actuation of said one or more switch elements actuates said circuit assembly, as recited in Claim 11.

For at least this reason, Claims 11-19 define patentable subject matter. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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